

Veteran Edition—January 2000

What's New on the VISN 2 Website?

New VA Billing Procedures

On September 1, 1999, VA changed the way insurance companies are billed for medical care. This letter explaining the policy was sent to veterans.
<http://www.va.gov/visns/visn02/network/billing.html>

Veterans Wellness Patient Newsletter

VISN 2's Winter 2000 patient newsletter features articles on Community-Based Outpatient Clinics, accident-proofing your home for winter, foot care, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and having a Healthy 2000.
<http://www.va.gov/visns/visn02/vet/wellness/00winter/home.html>

Patient Rights and Responsibilities

Patient Rights & Responsibilities have been revised and updated and are now available in an easier-to-understand format.
<http://www.va.gov/visns/visn02/vet/patientrights.html>

Syracuse VA Medical Center Parking Changes

The Syracuse VAMC Parking Garage has reopened. Vehicles at the Standart lot without Syracuse University permits will be ticketed and towed.
<http://www.va.gov/visns/visn02/syr/syrmap1.html>

Albany VA Volunteer

The Winter Edition of the Albany VA *Volunteer* highlights Voluntary Service opportunities and activities at the Stratton VA Medical Center.
<http://www.va.gov/visns/visn02/alb/albvolunteer.html>

Syracuse VAMC Welcomes New Director

Welcome to James P. Cody, new Syracuse VA Medical Center Director.
<http://www.va.gov/visns/visn02/syr/syrmanagement.html>

Quality Achievement Award Application

Read a detailed description of VISN 2's journey to the Care/Service Line structure, how it operates, and its accomplishments. VISN 2 successfully completed the first review and site visit teams arrive in early February.
<http://www.va.gov/visns/visn02/network/vision.html>

IHI Collaborative Makes Great Strides

The VA-IHI Collaborative on Reducing Waits and Delays in VA Clinics reports. Learn how this dynamic team is improving veterans health care.
<http://www.va.gov/visns/visn02/vitalsigns/collaborative.html>

Chaplaincy Shares Resources and News

Network 2 Chaplains promote spirituality as a key role in wellness and recovery from addiction. Three presentations are newly available online.
<http://www.va.gov/visns/visn02/cslnes/dtline/chaplain.html>

Geriatrics and Extended Care Line

VISN 2's Geriatrics and Extended Care Line discusses the impact of the Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act in the latest *GEC Check*.
<http://www.va.gov/visns/visn02/cslnes/gecline/gecline.html>

Webmaster's Note

The VISN 2 Website has been chosen as one of this year's **Top Gun: Magnificent Seven**. This award is given to seven websites that make a difference both on and off the Internet, which exemplify what the annual TopGun event is all about: healing and uniting veterans.
<http://theveteran.net/topgun/special2000.html>

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<http://www.va.gov/visns/visn02/websights.html>

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